

**Amendment No. 1 to HB0640**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 468\***

**House Bill No. 640**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new appropriately numbered section:

(a) Health insurance entities, as defined in § 56-7-109, that contract with the state and perform services for the TennCare program or any successor program pursuant to Title 71 shall establish reasonable protocols and procedures for reimbursing physicians employed by federally qualified health centers. At a minimum, such protocols and procedures shall:

(1) subject to approval of a physician credentialing application, permit physician reimbursement for rendered services from the date the physician's completed credentialing application is received for consideration by the health insurance entity; provided, however that a contractual relationship exists between the provider, or the group (or the facility) for whom the physician works; and

(2) require that any reimbursement paid such physician shall be retroactively recouped or rescinded in the event such physician's credentialing application is denied.

(b) As used in this section, the term "federally qualified health center" means such entities as they are defined under Sections 1905 and 1861(aa) of the federal Social Security Act.

(c) Nothing contained within this section shall require reimbursement of physician rendered services are not a covered benefit or service by the health insurance entity.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

